

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO.2002-165-T - ORDER NO. 2002-422

JUNE 4, 2002

IN RE: Application of Reliable Services Group, Inc.)	ORDER APPROVING
DBA Two Men and A Truck, 3430 Buffalo)	RATE INCREASE <i>JD</i>
Avenue, Suite A, Charleston, SC 29418-5958)	
for a Rate Increase.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of Reliable Services Group, Inc. DBA Two Men and A Truck ("Reliable") for a rate increase in certain of its rates and charges.

Reliable was granted a Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by Order No. 98-164 dated March 3, 1998, in Docket No. 97-325-T, to transport household goods between points and places in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown, and Horry Counties, South Carolina and from points and places in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown, and Horry Counties, South Carolina to points and places in South Carolina. Thereafter, by Order No. 2001-1105, dated December 10, 2001, Docket No. 2001-341-T, the Commission granted an amendment to Reliable's scope of authority to allow Reliable to transport household goods between points and places in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg Counties, South Carolina and from points and places in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Florence,

Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg Counties, South Carolina to points and places in South Carolina.

Reliable has an individual tariff which was approved by the Commission in Order No. 98-164. Presently, Reliable is requesting a rate increase in several rates and charges. The proposed rates range from a 5.1% increase for the rate for a crew of two men to an increase of 3.1% for the rate for a three men crew over Reliable's currently approved rates. However, these rates remain 0.94% and 0.86% lower, respectively, than the South Carolina Tariff Bureau's rates. If the proposed rates are approved, Reliable's revenues will increase by \$40,349, and the operating ratio will decrease from 100.57% to 95.91%.

Upon examination of the proposed rates, the Commission finds the requested increases just and reasonable. The proposed increase produces increased revenues which result in a decrease in Reliable's operating ratio. Further, the Commission notes that the rates involved are slightly lower than corresponding rates of the South Carolina Tariff Bureau. Therefore, the Commission approves the proposed rates as filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The proposed rates as filed by Reliable are hereby approved.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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